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Nausicaa

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Patlabor Vol. 2:

Emergency! Emergency! Alert the Second Platoon! Noa Izumi hurries off to her Patlabor AV II and preps it for launch. She activates the jump jets. Majestically, the AV II rises up in the air ... and then settles down, crashing into the hangar under the horrified eyes of the crew ... as Noa wakes up from her dream. Asuma makes fun of her, "Labors can't fly! It'll take at least another 10 years before technology can achieve that! Besides, whatever made you think of such an archaic thing as a 'power booster'?"

Noa and Asuma are on their way to the airport to greet a new arrival to the Second Platoon. Her name is Clancy Kanuka, currently detached from the New York Metropolitan Police. She has arrived in Japan to coordinate activities with the Second Platoon regarding possible terroristic activity about the upcoming visit by the New York City mayor.

The current theory is that the activist group, the "House of the Sea", might be behind it, due to the involvement of the Babylon Project. The Babylon Project is a plan to block off Tokyo Bay with a gigantic sea gate and to develop the land within over half a century. But, the project has completely ignored any environmental or any economical problems and is the target of many protests and activists. The Babylon Project is what caused the explosive burst in numbers of labors, since the heavy manual tedious work is perfectly suited for a human operating a labor.

The police set up heavy checkpoints and guards in various strategic points in the city. While at station on one of these, Asuma meets a strange old lady who asks him to move a police trailer located in the park. Asuma wonders, "Did we have a trailer stationed here?", but tells the old lady that it's for the protection of the New York City mayor and wanders off. The old lady watches him go off and smiles strangely ...

Orange Road Ep. #1:

Kyosuke Kasuga has moved recently into this town. Then, he meets into Madoka Ayukawa, a girl wearing a red straw hat while he climbs a staircase. Kyosuke falls in love for the first time with the gently smiling Madoka. Little does he know, that there is more to Madoka than what he sees ...

Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind

Background: In the past, the anger and hatred of the human race finally exploded in the **Seven Days of Fire** - a war which nearly destroyed the world, and left only a few survivors. Out of the tortured wasteland - poisoned by untold years of pollution, and wrecked by war - rose *Rotten Ocean*, the vast toxic jungle inhabited only by hideous giant insects.

For one thousand years after the **Seven Days of Fire**, *Rotten Ocean* spread, and now it prepares to swallow up the last fragile remains of humanity. Near one edge of *Rotten Ocean* is the *Valley of the Wind* - a small country, protected by a constant sea breeze from the poisonous gas that issues from *Rotten Ocean*. With a population of only five hundred, they live a simple agrarian life, assisted by a few remnants of past technology.

Nausicaä (Now-shee-kah) is the only child of **King Jil**, ruler of the *Valley of Wind*. She has a special empathy with nature, and she uses this ability well - whether she is catching the wind on her personal glider, **Meve**, or soothing a frightened animal.

A figure moves through an eerie landscape. Deep in *Rotten Ocean*, he wears a mask to filter out the lethal gaseous miasma produced by symbiotic bacteria living in the plant life.

He finds that yet another of mankind's few ramparts against *Rotten Ocean* has fallen...

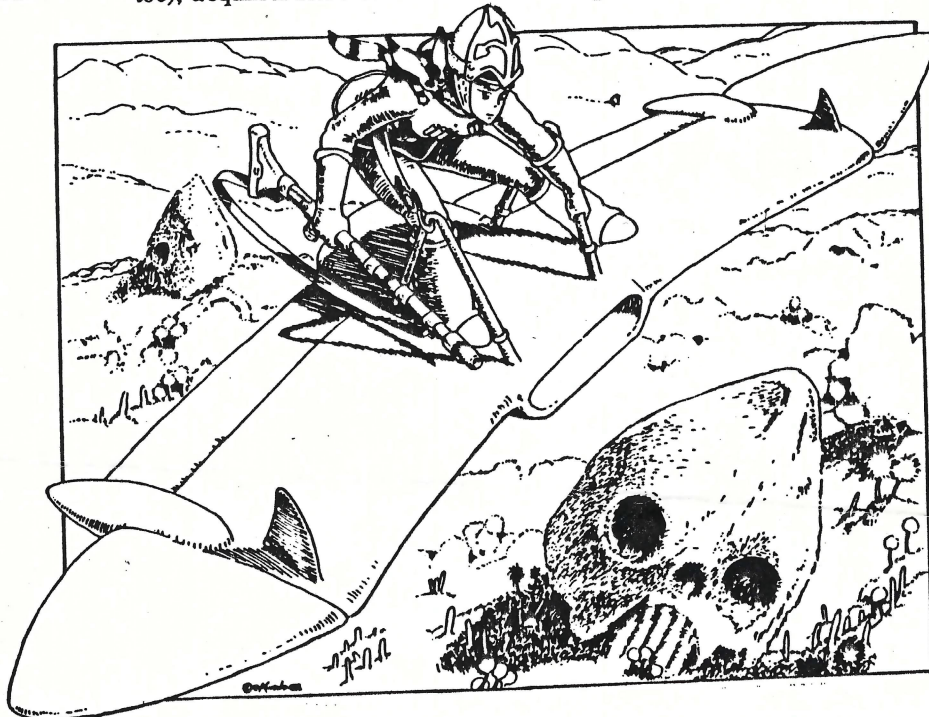
Nausicaä lands **Meve** in *Rotten Ocean* and sets out to collect a few specimens. Encountering the cast-off shell of a **King Omu**, she cannot resist the opportunity to take one the creature's eyeshields for use as an airplane canopy. The "*mushigoyashi*" plants, damaged by the **Omu's** recent passage, shed their spores, and as **Nausicaä** rests, she hears a mental cry of rage.

Rushing to a vantage point inside the skull of the dead giant **God Soldier**, she signals the endangered person, using a flare.

Flying to the rescue, she discovers that the person is being chased by an enraged **King Omu**. She distracts it with strobelight bombs, and the **Omu's** eyes change from red to blue as its anger fades. **Nausicaä** is overjoyed to discover that the person she has just saved is **Yupa** (Yupah), her old teacher who has been traveling outside of the *Valley of Wind* for some time. He gives her **Teto** (Tetto), a squirrel-fox that he rescued from

Rasutel from the neighboring country **Pejite**. She is mortally wounded, and in chains - just part of the ship's cargo of spoils.

Torumekia is a military nation, and recently its ruler - **King VI** - has started a war of conquest. The plane carried the egg of a giant **God-Soldier**, a bio-engineered war creature of the type that was responsible for the destruction of the Earth during the **Seven Days of Fire**. Archaeological excavations in **Pejite City** had turned it up, and **Torumekia** had immediately invaded in order to gain possession of it. With a functioning **God-**



a carnivore in *Rotten Ocean*; unfortunately, he did so by using his gun to kill the carnivore, and thereby incurred the wrath of the entire forest community.

That night, **Yupa** and **King Jil** discuss **Yupa's** findings on his journey. "Mankind is dying off," he says. "There are fewer and fewer people all the time." "Yes", agrees **Jil**. "Although my wife and I had eleven children, **Nausicaä** is the only one to survive."

Later, a cargo ship from the country of **Torumekia** crashes in the *Valley of Wind*. It was being attacked by larval **Omu**, showing that it must have somehow damaged *Rotten Ocean*, or one of its inhabitants.

Everyone on board is killed in the terrible crash, except for **Princess**

Soldier, they could easily conquer the world.

The next day, as the people of the *Valley of Wind* check for deadly fungal spores carried in by the crashed aircraft, the **Torumekia Army** arrives, led by **Princess Kushana** and **Kurotowa**, her military advisor.

They wish to repossess the **God-Soldier** egg, and almost as an after-thought, they kill **King Jil** and occupy the *Valley of Wind*.

Nausicaä goes on a rampage when she discovers that her father has just been murdered. But she is stopped by **Yupa**, who doesn't want to see her dead as well. **Kushana** orders complete surrender... and she wants **Nausicaä** as a hostage!

Kushana makes a speech to the people of the Valley of Wind. She tells them that Torumekia will bring peace and prosperity to the world by using the God-Soldier to conquer all other lands, then to burn off Rotten Ocean. The Old Castle Grandmother tells Kushana of the lessons of the past - every civilization that tried to destroy Rotten Ocean was itself destroyed in the "flood that swept across the land". This has predictably little effect on Kushana.

Yupa follows Teto to Nausicaä's secret greenhouse, where plants from Rotten Ocean grow without producing the poison gas - all they *really* need is pure soil and water. But since she has been forced to leave, she has shut off the water, and soon they will all die.

As Nausicaä is taken to Pejite City (already occupied by Torumekian forces), their flight is attacked by Prince Asubel of Pejite.

Their ship is shot down and Nausicaä escapes in the gunship with Mito and Kushana. They are forced to land in Rotten Ocean and the ungrateful Kushana attempts to take command, despite Nausicaä's warning about the danger of gunfire in Rotten Ocean. When several Omu arrive to check out the disturbance, Nausicaä's handling of these fearsome creatures stuns Kushana into compliance.

However, Asubel, too has crashed in Rotten Ocean, and he doesn't have Nausicaä's gift...

She sets out to save him and the two end up *under* the floor of Rotten Ocean, where Nausicaä finally comprehends the *true* ecological purpose of the toxic jungle - it is slowly purifying the soil and water of the poisoned Earth.

Meanwhile, Yupa discovers that the



Torumekians are accelerating the development of the God-Soldier preparatory to its release.

Taking the gunship, he goes to find Nausicaä while the people of the Valley of Wind finally rebel against the occupying Torumekians.

Asubel and Nausicaä fly to Pejite City and find that it has been completely destroyed by the denizens of Rotten Ocean. Meeting the remaining rulers of Pejite, she finds out that they plan to use the anger of the Omu as a weapon to defeat Torumekia, then use the God-Soldier to burn off Rotten Ocean. Naturally, she protests the destruction of the *only* hope Earth has for pure soil and water.

She is held prisoner, but escapes disguised in the clothes of a Princess of Pejite. By torturing a young Omu, the Pejiteans are drawing thousands of angry King Omu through the Acid Lake to-

wards the Tourmekian troops stationed in the Valley of Wind.

As Kushana prepares to battle the rebels who escaped from the Valley of Wind, she becomes aware of this new threat and sends for her ultimate weapon.

Nausicaä captures the Pejite "Flying Jar" and races to stop the enraged Omu.

Kushana unleashes the awesome power of the God-Soldier against the Omu, but it was hatched too soon, and melts away after destroying only a fraction of the charging Omu myriad.

Nausicaä and her friend - the baby Omu - face the horde, but can their small calm stop the tidal wave of anger...?

(Synopsis by Toren Smith & Miyako Graham)

ARION

"This is the era before gods and men were divided..."

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Thrace: Hades, god of the underworld, has journeyed to this distant land to talk with Demeter, goddess of the harvest. He tells her that Poseidon (god of the seas) has amassed a tremendous navy and is preparing to attack and unseat Zeus (god of the land, and ruler of

Olympus). Demeter says she no longer cares about the petty squabbles of the gods, and just wishes to be left alone to take care of her son Arion.

Hades heads back to the underworld and Arion tags along, intending to keep him company for a short distance. He tells Hades that he has been searching for an herb that will restore his mother's sight. "Such an herb exists in Macedonia," claims Hades. "Come

with me..."

Suddenly aware that Arion is being kidnapped, Demeter prays to Zeus, but to no avail...

Captive in the kingdom of the underworld, Arion displays the spirit and fighting ability that Hades had hoped for. He tells Arion that his mother was cursed by Zeus, who lives in Olympus. If Arion kills Zeus, the curse will be broken and Demeter will be able to see again. Armed